

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent claims. Claim 12 is canceled herein, without prejudice merely to expedite allowance of the pending application. The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein, either at a later time during the prosecution of this application or any continuing applications.

The Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 12 is allowable if amended to be in independent form. In the interest of advancing consideration and allowance of the pending claims, the Applicants have elected to include the subject matter that is indicated as allowable into each of independent claims 1 and 11.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 11 are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-10, 13-20 respectively depend from one of claims 1 and 11 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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